(c) if so, whether Government propose to expand the NH-24 to 6 lane from UP border to Vijay Nagar and close the cuts; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Delhi/UP border to Vijay Nagar section of NH-24 is part of proposed 6-lane access controlled Delhi-Meerut Expressway identified for development under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-VI on Build Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis. The feasibility study is in progress and targeted for completion by March, 2010.

Opening of trauma centre for road victims in Himachal Pradesh

1500. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that emergency patients who are in life-threatening situation after accidents or other causes, have to be taken to PGI, Chandigarh as there is no trauma centre in Himachal Pradesh and many of them succumb to their injuries in the long way to hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to open up trauma centres in Himachal Pradesh;

(d) if so, the location-wise details thereof and the time by when these trauma centres are likely to start their functioning; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEV S. KHANDELA): (a) to (e) Health being a state subject, the information is not maintained centrally. However, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been implementing a project for "Upgradation and Strengthening of Emergency Facilities of State Government Hospital located at National Highway" under the scheme "Assistance for Capacity Building", with a view to provide immediate treatment to the victims of road traffic injuries. Under this scheme, financial assistance was provided upto a maximum of Rs. 150.00 lakh per hospital or actual requirement of the hospital whichever was less. The scheme was operational during IXth & Xth five year plan period. The following three hospitals in Himachal Pradesh had been provided with financial assistance as per the above mentioned scheme:

Name of the Organization/ Institution	Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	2002-03	147.00
Regional Hospital, Kullu	2006-07	150.00
Zonal Hospital, Bilaspur	2006-07	150.00

After evaluation of the scheme of "Upgradation and Strengthening of Emergency Facilities of State Government Hospital located at National Highway", a revised Scheme has been started during the 11th Plan, for establishment of Trauma Care Centers along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East-West Corridors of the National Highways at a total outlay of Rs. 732.75 crore. Since Himachal Pradesh is not covered in any of these corridors, there is no proposal to provide financial assistance to any of the hospitals located in Himachal Pradesh.

Show implementation of projects under NHDP Phase-II and III for 4/6 laning of NH-17 and NH-47

1501. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NH-17 and NH-47 are included under NHDP Phase-II and III for 4/6 laning through NHAI;

(b) the detail of projects in various stretches being taken up for implementation and the present stage of the implementation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the progress of implementation is very slow; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to speed up the completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The details of projects under implementation of NH-17 and NH-47 are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Some ongoing projects are delayed due to delay in land acquisition and no response from the prospective bidders. Additional land acquisition units are opened and State Governments are requested to expedite the land acquisition. Projects have been restructured to increase the viability to attract more bidders.

Statement

Details of projects under NHDP of NH-17 and NH-47

Sl. No.	Stretch	NH No.	Length	Total Project Cost (Rs. in crores)	Present Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Maharashtra Goa Border-Panaji -Goa KNT Border	17	122.87	1872	Bids invited
2	Kundapur - Surathkal (Km. 283,300-Km.	17	90.08	671	LOA issued on 04.11.2009.